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SUBJ: SAUDI STATEMENTS IN WASHINGTON POST

1. DECEMBER 31 WASHINGTON POST PROMINENTLY FEATURES  
FRONT PAGE ARTICLE HEADLINED "FAISAL ATTACKS THE JEWS"  
WHICH QUOTES EXTRACTS FROM KING'S ANNUAL STATEMENT IN  
MECCA BEFORE HEADS AND MEMBERS OF PILGRIMAGE MISSIONS.  
AFTER REFERRING TO FAISAL'S REPORTED CALL TO MOSLEMS TO  
RESCUE ISLAM'S SACRED PLACES IN JERUSALEM, ARTICLE NOTES  
FAISAL'S STATEMENT THAT "JEWS HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH  
JERUSALEM AND HAVE NO SACRAMENTS THERE. WHEN ROMANS  
OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, THEY TOOK THE TEMPLE WITH THEM AND  
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THEREFORE THE JEWS HAVE NO RIGHT TO ANY PRESENCE IN

JERUSALEM OR ANY AUTHORITY THERE."

2. SAME ISSUE ON PAGE P 9 CARRIES FULL PAGE  
STATEMENT ENTITLED "OPEN LETTER TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE"  
SIGNED BY OMAR SAQQAF. LETTER, IN FORM OF NEW YEAR'S  
GREETING, COMPLAINS THAT ARABS HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY THE  
AMERICAN PRESS FOR THE LAST TWO DECADES AND THIS HAS  
CONTINUED DESPITE THE ARAB'S CONSIDERABLE CONCESSIONS  
OF THE PAST YEAR. LETTER ASK RHETORICALLY IF AMERICANS  
KNOW WHAT ARABS ARE REALLY ASKING FOR. THIS IS ANSWERED  
BY STATING THAT IT IS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESOLUTION  
242, WHICH IT QUOTES, AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S

SEPTEMBER 1968 STATEMENT THAT "BOUNDARIES CANNOT AND  
SHOULD NOT REFLECT THE WEIGHT OF CONQUEST." LETTER  
ALLEGES, HOWEVER, THAT ISRAEL WANTS ARAB LANDS WHICH IT  
OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND WILL NOT GIVE UP GOLAN HEIGHTS,  
JORDAN RIVER, SHARM AL SHAIKH, AND MOST SIGNIFICANTLY --  
ARAB JERUSALEM. ISRAEL WANTS PEACE AND ARAB LAND BUT IT  
CANNOT HAVE BOTH. AFTER POINTING OUT THAT ARABS CUT  
OFF OIL SUPPLIES TO US AFTER US, WHICH HAD REPEATEDLY  
ASSURED ARABS OF RIGHTS TO ARAB LANDS, MADE MASSIVE  
DELIVERIES TO ISRAELIS, LETTER STATES THIS WAS DONE NOT  
TO IMPOSE A CHANGE IN US POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST "BUT TO  
DEMAND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF US POLICY IN THE MIDDLE  
EAST AS IT HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY DEFINED. WE DID NOT DO  
SO TO BLACKMAIL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, BUT TO PUT OUR  
CASE TO THEM AS EFFECTIVELY AS WE KNEW HOW." LETTER  
CONCLUDES BY STATING "WE ARE OFFERING ISRAEL PEACE AND  
SECURITY, BUT WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT OFFER ISRAEL OUR  
LANDS, NOR WOULD ANY JUST PEOPLE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD  
EXPECT US TO DO SO. WE ARE ASKING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,  
ESPECIALLY THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF ISRAEL, TO  
UNDERSTAND THIS AND TO HELP US ATTAIN THE PEACE WE ARE  
AFTER. "

3. COMMENT: ISRAELI EMBASSY HAS ALREADY CALLED TO  
DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION CONTRADICTION WHICH THEY SEE IN  
WHAT FAISAL IS SAYING AND SAQQAF'S MORE REASONED APPROACH.  
WE HAVE NO DOUBT THIS JUXTAPOSITION WILL BE NOTED BY  
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OTHERS AS WELL. YOU MAY USE FOREGOING AT YOUR DISCRETION  
IN YOUR CONTINUING CONTACTS WITH SAUDIS. RUSH

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